

S W E O V R E D N S

Part 3: No

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This series in a nutshell: Use your words.

“The difference between successful people and really successful people is that really successful people say no to almost everything.” – Warren Buffett

Saying no to the good and the bad allows you to say yes to the best.

Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

Deuteronomy 8:2-5

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

Lie: You are what you have

Practice: Say no to something

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

Lie: You are what you do

Practice: Say no to somewhere

“I want to remind you that we are human beings, not human doings.”

– Pastor Frank Talbot

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Lie: You are what people think of you

Practice: Say no to someone

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

– Matthew 26:39

Next Steps

If you’ve said yes to Jesus but no to baptism, what’s holding you back? Do you need to say no to something in your schedule, or no to what others might think of you, or no to your own hang-ups in order to say yes to baptism?

Baptism classes happen after the Saturday service on October 20 and after the 11:15 service on October 21 . Baptisms will be part of all services on October 27 & 28. See more details on today’s program insert or in CTK Life and consider signing up today at the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions

- 1) When was the last time you said no and felt good about it?
- 2) Read Luke 4:1-13. What does Jesus teach you about handling temptation, rebuking Satan, and strategically doing nothing in this passage? Are there any other takeaways that jump out at you?
- 3) What is one area of your life in which you need to say no to a good thing so that you can yes to the best that God has for you? Do you have the courage to make the change?
- 4) Is it hard for you to say no? Why or why not?
- 5) It is written, “Man does not live by bread alone.” In what ways does your life prove or disprove this truth from scripture?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?